

Written statement of a key decision
Cabinet

Title	Public Accountable Body for NMiTE
Decision maker	Cabinet Information about cabinet, including the names and contact details of the cabinet members, can be found here: http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=251
Date of decision	14 December 2017
Report exemption class	Open
Reason for being a key decision	This is a key decision because it is likely to result in the council incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the council's budget for the service or function concerned. A threshold of £500,000 is regarded as significant.
A notice was served in accordance with Part 3 (Key decisions) of The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.	
General exception or special urgency (as defined in the constitution)	No
Purpose	To seek approval for the council to act as the accountable body for public funding allocated to the new Hereford university, NMiTE (new model in technology & engineering), during its establishment phase.
Decision	That: (a) the responses to the recommendations of the general scrutiny committee at appendix 4 be approved; (b) Herefordshire Council act as accountable body for public funding to support establishment of a new university in Hereford; and (c) the chief finance officer be authorised, following consultation with the monitoring officer and cabinet member corporate strategy and budget, to complete such legal documentation as is appropriate to protect the council's interests and take all operational decisions necessary to implement the above recommendations.
Reason for the decision	As set out in the report. Documents relating to this decision are

	available at http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50024086
Options considered	Not to act as accountable body for NMiTE. This is not recommended because, in the absence of an accountable body acceptable to the Department for education and the Marches Local Enterprise Partnership the funds are unlikely to be released and elements of the funding may be withdrawn if not used within the timescales specified by the funders.
Declarations of interest (see below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	20 December 2017

Councillor:	Date 14 December 2017
Leader of the Council (Councillor AW Johnson)	

- a record of any conflict of interest declared by any executive member who is consulted by the member which relates to the decision;
- and
- in respect of any declared conflict of interest, a note of dispensation granted by the relevant local authority's head of paid service.